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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Medicaid extended postpartum coverage
2 option.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID EXTENDED POSTPARTUM COVERAGE

2 OPTION. The department of human services shall submit a
3 Medicaid state plan amendment to the centers for Medicare and
4 Medicaid services of the United States department of health and
5 human services for approval of the option to provide twelve
6 months of continuous postpartum coverage under the Medicaid
7 program to pregnant women enrolled in the Medicaid program in
8 accordance with section 1902(e)(16) of the Social Security Act
9 beginning April 1, 2022.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
11 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 Under current federal law, pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries
16 are eligible for at least pregnancy-related services through
17 the end of the month in which the 60-day period beginning on
18 the last day of the pregnancy ends.

19 The provision of the federal American Rescue Plan of 2021
20 (H.R. 1319) enacting section 1902(e)(16) of the Social Security
21 Act provides the option to states to submit a state plan
22 amendment to provide postpartum Medicaid coverage for 12 months
23 after the end of a pregnancy.

24 This bill requires the department of human services (DHS)
25 to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to the centers for
26 Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States department
27 of health and human services for approval of the new option to
28 provide 12 months of continuous postpartum coverage under the
29 Medicaid program to pregnant women enrolled in the Medicaid
30 program, beginning April 1, 2022.

31 The bill takes effect upon enactment.